

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 are pending in the application and the same are rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6-9, 11, 14-17, and 20 are amended.

Accordingly, claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 remain in the application and are presented for review and further consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. (Examiner's Action, page 2, ¶ 2). The Examiner states that the limitation "portion of the document" in the claims renders the claims indefinite because the limitation "portion" does not clearly identify a particular thing of the document. The Examiner additionally states that claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 would be allowable if independent claims 1, 9, and 17 are rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 6-9, 11, 14-17, and 20 to replace "portion" with "page." A page is a specific part of a document. As the wording "portion" has been replaced with the specific wording "page", the claims are not indefinite.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), a marked-up version of the claims amended by this response is attached hereto.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.

No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no claim, teaching, motivation, or suggestion in any of the cited art, alone or in combination, to produce what Applicants claim.

It is further submitted that the application as amended defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A method for printing a document accessible by a server, the method comprising:

- (a) creating on the server an original receipt for the document;
- (b) providing at least one [portion] page of the document from the server to a print job agent;
- (c) updating the original receipt to indicate the at least one [portion] page of the document was provided to the print job agent;
- (d) communicating the at least one [portion] page of the document from the print job agent to an output device;
- (e) printing the at least one [portion] page of the document using the output device;
- (f) copying the original receipt to the print job agent; and,
- (g) updating the copy of the receipt to indicate the at least one [portion] page of the document was printed.

3. (amended) The method of claim 1 further including before providing the at least one [portion] page of the document from the server to the print job agent, the print job agent requesting the at least one [portion] page of the document.

6. (amended) The method of claim 1 further including:

- (a) the server encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document before providing the at least one [portion] page of the document to the print job agent; and,
- (b) the print job agent decrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document before communicating the at least one [portion] page of the document to the output device.

7. (amended) The method of claim 6 further including:

- (a) uniquely identifying the output device to the server;
- (b) the server obtaining a device specific public key for the output

device; and,

wherein the server encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document includes the server using the public key to encrypt the at least one [portion] page of the document.

8. (amended) The method of claim 6 further including the server communicating a symmetric key to the output device and wherein the server encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document includes the server using the symmetric key to encrypt the at least one [portion] page of the document.

9. (twice amended) A system for printing a document accessible by a server, the method comprising:

- (a) a server having access to a document;
- (b) means for creating an original receipt for the document on the server;
- (c) a print job agent;
- (d) means for providing at least one [portion] page of the document from the server to the print job agent;
- (e) means for updating the original receipt to indicate each [portion] page of the document provided to the print job agent;
- (e) an output device for printing the at least one [portion] page of the document;
- (g) means for communicating the at least one [portion] page of the document from the print job agent to the output device;
- (h) means for copying the original receipt to the print job agent; and,
- (i) means for updating the copy of the receipt to indicate each [portion] page of the document printed.

11. (amended) The system of claim 9 further including means for the print job agent to request at least one [portion] page of the document from the server.

14. (amended) The system of claim 9 wherein:

(a) the server further includes means for encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document; and,

(b) the print job agent further includes means for decrypting an encrypted [portion] page of the document.

15. (amended) The system of claim 14 further including:

(a) means for uniquely identifying the output device to the server;

(b) means for providing to the server a device specific public key for the output device; and,

wherein the means for encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document includes means for using the public key to encrypt the at least one [portion] page of the document.

16. (amended) The system of claim 14 further including means for communicating a symmetric key to the output device and wherein the means for encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document includes means for using the symmetric key to encrypt the at least one [portion] page of the document.

17. (twice amended) A program storage system readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program, applet, or instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps for printing a document accessible by a server, the method steps comprising:

(a) creating on the server an original receipt for the document;

(b) providing at least one [portion] page of the document from the server to a print job agent;

(c) updating the original receipt to indicate the at least one [portion] page of the document was provided to the print job agent;

(d) communicating the at least one [portion] page of the document to an output device for printing the at least one [portion] page of the document;

(e) copying the original receipt to the print job agent; and,

(f) updating the copy of the receipt to indicate the at least one [portion] page of the document was printed.

20. (amended) The program storage system of claim 17 wherein the method steps further include:

(a) encrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document before providing the at least one [portion] page of the document from the server to the print job agent; and,

(b) decrypting the at least one [portion] page of the document before communicating the at least one [portion] page of the document from the print job agent to the output device.